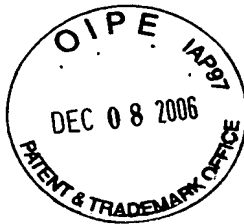


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.